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Title: PARAMETER POPULATION OF CELLS OF A HIERARCHICAL  
SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE VIA FILE RELATION

**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed January 31, 2001, said period of response being extended from April 30, 2001 to July 31, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$780.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee which was calculated by subtracting the 1-month fee, which was already paid, from the 3-month fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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